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Subj: TONNAGE TECHNICAL POLICY

1. Purpose: This Technical Note promulgates policy for use by authorized measurement organizations in interpreting and applying the provisions of Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 69, Measurement of Vessels. It replaces MTN 01-99 CH-4.
2. Discussion: To facilitate electronic access and printing, the material of this Technical Note is organized into five separate enclosures. Enclosures (1) through (4) provide specific interpretations of the tonnage regulations. These enclosures are based on a reprint in standard text of 46 CFR 69, Subparts B through E, with interpretive material in italicized format. Figures from the regulations appear in appropriate locations within the document, with the references to the figures deleted. Enclosure (5) consists of appendices which address policy grandfathering criteria and discuss changes from the previous version of this Technical Note. Side bars are used in the enclosures to highlight specific differences from the previous version of this document.
3. Applicability: Tonnage measurement in accordance with the interpretations of this Technical Note is required for vessels for which the application of a law of the United States depends on the vessel's tonnage. Refer to Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 11-93 for information regarding applicability of tonnage measurement systems to U.S. flag vessels.
4. Action: Authorized measurement organizations shall apply the technical interpretations of this Technical Note immediately. Any deviation from the interpretations of this Technical Note requires written approval from the Marine Safety Center. This Technical Note is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/msc/mtns.htm>.

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- Encl: (1) Convention Measurement System (Subpart B) Interpretations
(2) Standard Measurement System (Subpart C) Interpretations
(3) Dual Measurement System (Subpart D) Interpretations
(4) Simplified Measurement Systems (Subpart E) Interpretations
(5) Appendices